

**BOROUGH OF MIDDLESEX  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2012**

**MAYOR'S STATEMENT:** Under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of the Annual Meeting Notice of December 16, 2011 and was forwarded to the Star Ledger, Courier News and Home News, and posted at Borough Hall.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Ronald Dobies
Council President:	Ron DiMura
	Jeffrey First
	Sean Kaplan
	Patricia Jenkins
	Michael Paff (absent)
	Michele Tackach

Attorney:	Aravind Aithal
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Middlesex Board of Health President	John Madden
	Amelia Sherr
	Thomas Harrity
	Bob Schueler
	Melissa Fedosh
	Ron Cohen (absent)
	Nancy Purcell-Holmes
	Michael Conahan

Middlesex County	Mickey Gross, Division Head
	Lester Jones, Director – Health Officer
	Tom Sikorski, Management Specialist

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**DISCUSSION**

Mickey Gross, Division Head discussed the complaints that were received by the County for Spray Tek during 2012 and mentioned that the County received two complaints in January, two in February, 10 in March, 4 in April, 11 in May, 4 in June, 2 in July, and 5 in August. Mr. Gross indicated that the staff responded within one hour to every complaint. There were three verifiable complaints which were dated February 1, March 9 and May 5 and fines were issued in the amounts of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$5,000. The \$1,000 and \$2,000 fine were settled and the \$5,000 fine will be addressed in Superior Court.

The DEP has required Spray Tek to stack test, which should be started on September 1. Board of Health President John Madden has been in contact with the Officials for the DEP regarding the stack testing and explained how it works.

Mayor Dobies explained the borough's concern about this problem that has not gotten resolved. Mickey Gross explained that they cannot regulate the laws, but can only follow what the law allows them to do. Mickey Gross offered to sit down to discuss this matter with the Mayor, and Mayor Dobies suggested that a representative from the DEP needs to be included in this discussion.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Commissioner of the DEP to have a representative come to discuss this matter with both the Borough and County. It was suggested that the governing body and the Board of Health also do the same. Mayor Dobies also will forward a copy of this letter to the Governor's Aid to advise them of this matter.

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### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Dobies opened the Public Portion of the meeting for any comments.

John Hoffman, 455 Lincoln Boulevard discussed (1) How to obtain information from the DEP regarding Spray Tek, (2) Issues with New Journey; (3) Length of time trucks idle on Lincoln Boulevard.

Frank Ryan, 303 Maple Street discussed addressing the DEP and the Governor about their responsibility to have Spray Tek address the odors problem immediately and return back in a month to discuss.

Amelia Sherr requested that besides the County being kept advised of this matter, the Board of Health President needs to be kept informed.

Betty Platten, 4 Hooker Avenue discussed what could be done to override the County and have the chemical companies obey the law.

John Ericson, 209 Second Street discussed that the complaint form was buried on the website.

Mayor Dobies and Board of Health President John Madden addressed all issues that were discussed in the public.

Seeing that there was no further public comment, Mayor Dobies closed the public portion of the meeting.

Lester Jones committed to writing a letter next week to the DEP and the Governor's Office with copies to the Board of Health and governing body.

Mickey Gross reminded the governing body that Republic is scheduled to come before the County to discuss obtaining a Class C Recycling Permit.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council President DiMura made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting seconded by Councilman Kaplan and carried by unanimous vote of members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anello, RMC  
Borough Clerk